



Vice Adm. Forrest Faison, Navy surgeon general and chief, U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery recognizes Dawn Androsky as BUMED's 2017 senior Civilian of the Year (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class John Paul Kotara II/Released)

U.S. NAVY'S BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY RECOGNIZES 2017 CIVILIANS OF THE YEAR

Through a competitive process each year, the Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) selects and recognizes two civilians who have made outstanding contributions to Navy Medicine. The 2017 awardees are Dawn Androsky and Ramona Horn. Read more about Dawn and Ramona below:

2017 Senior Civilian of the Year

Dawn Androsky has worked at BUMED for four years and is currently the Director for Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Defense in M9, Operational Medicine and Capability Development. In addition to being recognized as BUMED's Civilian of the year, Androsky holds a Superior Civilian Service Award for her lead and efforts in establishing the Office of the Civilian Corps.

BUMED named Androsky the 2017 Senior Civilian of the Year for her many accomplishments, including the launch of the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear (CBRN)/WMD Community Additional Qualification Designator, Next Generation Diagnostic System operational testing, and the publication of the Joint Health Professional Guide to Medical Intelligence.

Prior to this assignment, Androsky worked as the Deputy Chief of Staff for U.S. Strategic Command's Center for Combatting WMD. She came to this position because she was intrigued by the medical component.

The WMD team comprises medical CBRN/WMD experts that focus on the strategic and operational realms for Weapons of Mass Destruction defense programs, policies and priorities in support of ready naval expeditionary forces.

"We must not only ensure that deploying medical units have the right training, equipment, and medical countermeasure for a CBRN environment, but also that future capability development stays the course."

Androsky credits her team of CBRN/WMD subject matter experts and their drive, dedication and extensive operational experience to achieving the Civilian of the Year award.

To future civilians of the year, Androsky said, "stay flexible, agile and focused on your mission, and you will succeed!"

2017 Junior Civilian of the Year

Ramona Horn has been a Medical Staff Specialist in BUMED's Centralized Credentials and Privileging Directorate (CCPD) in Jacksonville, Fla., for the past 10 years. Her work contributes to the evaluation of potential Navy Medicine recruits.

"When I started at CCPD, I didn't realize the total impact of our job. There was so much to learn," Ramona said. "Today, there is still as much to learn – knowing the reason we do our job makes it fascinating and challenging. I know my purpose and my goal."

BUMED named Horn the fiscal year 2017 Junior Civilian of the Year for her work as the Acting Division Lead of the Pre-Accession Division, and the completion of 184 Credentials Portfolios for Navy Recruiting Command. After an extremely active hurricane season in Florida, her efforts coordinating with the Public Works Department at Naval Air Station Jacksonville ensured that the Credentialing Office received prompt repair, preventing additional damage to the building and equipment.

A native of Louisville, Kentucky, her interest in Navy Medicine stems from previous experience as a lab technician and phlebotomist.

"It is a great experience to know we are working diligently to get the best medical personnel selected in the Navy. It's extremely important because they are the ones who will be taking care of our troops and our families."